

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A toothbrush brushhead assembly, comprising:
a toothbrush stem;
a bristle plate including a cavity;
a duckbill valve assembly which includes at least two duckbill valve members;

and

a flexible flange member extending between and joining the duckbill valve members, such that the duckbill valves are flexibly movable relative to each other in a particular orientation in a unitary assembly which is insertable into and removable as a unit from the cavity.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the flange member joins the two duckbill valve members at their respective bases, and wherein the flange member is substantially flat.

4. (previously presented) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the duckbill valve members have slit openings through which fluid moves and are spaced apart from each other, but arranged so that their respective slit openings are parallel.

5. (previously presented) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the duckbill valve members have slit openings through which fluid moves and are oriented such that their respective slit openings are in a single line.

6. (previously presented) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the duckbill valve members are substantially identical.

7. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the two duckbill valve members are sufficiently separated to permit a plurality of bristles to be mounted therebetween to the bristle plate.

8. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the duckbill valve assembly includes just two duckbill valve members.

9. (previously presented) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the duckbill valve assembly includes more than two duckbill valve members.

10. (previously presented) currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the duckbill valve members are different in size and otherwise arranged to accommodate different fluids to flow therethrough.

11. (previously presented) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein a holding member is disposed over the duckbill valve assembly in the cavity, holding the duckbill valve assembly against the bristle plate.